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In re the Application of

Jung-Ho LEE, et al.

Art Unit: 1712

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For: METHOD OF FORMING A SILICON OXIDE
LAYER IN A SEMICONDUCTOR
MANUFACTURING PROCESS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.56

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